



### New pupils/staff

This September we were delighted to welcome 7 new pupils to our Junior Infant class: Caolan, Ella, Méabh, Rian, Abi, Caoimhe and Alfie. Ms. Wilson along with all pupils across the school have made them feel very welcome and they have settled in very well as a result.

We have also welcomed a new teacher to our school this year, Ms McCarthy, who teaches 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class. Ms. Ní Raghnaigh is our Special Education Teacher each Wednesday.

### Music Generation

We are very fortunate to partner with Music Generation again. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class are currently enjoying Ukelele lessons whilst 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class are undertaking guitar tuition with our Music Generation tutor, Dave Peyton.

### Vex Robotics

As part of STEM education (science, technology, engineering and maths), 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class are partaking in a Vex Robotics challenge under the guidance of Mrs. Lynch. Thank you to Mrs. Lynch for co-ordinating this activity which encompasses all of the above subject areas.

### G.A.A. training

We are fortunate to have our GAA coach, Reece Cuddihy, for another year. All training dates have been previously notified via Aladdin.

### Green Schools

This year, our Green Schools team, co-ordinated by Mrs. Lynch, is very busy preparing for their new theme. The focus of the flag this year is Global Citizenship Litter and Waste. The emphasis is to keep our school clean, emphasis on the environment-recycling etc and to create awareness of where our food comes from. There is also an emphasis on being self-sufficient and to produce things locally so that this will lower the carbon footprint.

### Daily Mile

As part of our Wellbeing focus this year, we have introduced a “Daily Mile” whereby our pupils walk/ run around the yard each day.

### Science Week 2022

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class treated all classes to a Science Demonstration during Science Week. It was clear that they put a lot of thought and consideration into their scientific experiments. Both classes visited Tullamore College where they enjoyed several scientific experiments.

### Road Safety Week- Street smart team

In celebration of Road Safety Week, the Road Safety Authority Street Smart team visited us to create a stimulated road safety experience for all pupils using a pretend streetscape mat and props.

### Halloween dress up day

We had a dress up day in our school just before the Halloween break. All of the pupils donned their wonderful Halloween costumes for the day. Great fun and excitement was had by all.



### Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all parents and teachers for scheduling our Parent Teacher meetings which took place on November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to meet any teacher to discuss any concerns you may like to discuss further, please contact the office at 046-9737465 to arrange an appointment.

### Beginning of year Mass

Fr. Greg joined us for our beginning of year Mass. Ms. Wilson prepared the children very well for the celebration and Ms. Mc Carthy helped to co-ordinate the music and choir. Thank you to Fr. Greg, all teachers and all pupils for making this mass extra special.

We will have a service in the school hall for the blessing of our Advent Wreath next Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11.15 a.m. All are welcome.

### Communion & Confirmation

Please note that the dates for our sacramental celebrations this year have been scheduled:  
First Holy Communion- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 12p.m.  
Confirmation- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 @ 12p.m.

### Christmas Events

The Parents' Association Christmas raffle is underway. Our pupils will be participating in a Santa hat sponsored walk around Croghan GAA pitch. Each participating family will be entered into a raffle which will take place on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support.

We will be hosting a Christmas performance in the school on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 a.m. The aforementioned raffle will also be taking place at this time. We hope to see you all there.

### Enrolment 2023/2024

Our school will begin to accept admissions from January 5<sup>th</sup> 2023. In accordance with the Education (Admissions to School) Act, no admissions can be accepted before this date. We will issue our admissions notice and policy in advance of the Christmas holidays.



### BOM agreed report from this term's meeting:

- B.O.M wishes to notify the whole school community of the annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement.
- The B.O.M. extends their best wishes to the staff and Parents' Association of Scoil Bhríde in their endeavours for the coming year.
- Congratulations to all teachers and pupils involved in the Cumann na mBunscol competition. The B.O.M. would like to extend a special word of thanks to St. Brigid's G.A.A. club for sponsoring our team's travel to matches.

### A word of thanks from Ms. Reynolds....

As we approach the end of the year, I am very grateful for the support I have received this term. I would extend my sincere appreciation to the pupils, teaching staff, SNA's, our secretary Joy Maguire, our caretaker John Hannon, parents, Board of Management members and the Parents' Association alike.

I will begin my maternity leave from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. For the duration of my absence, the following In School Management team will be in place:

Acting Principal: Ruth Hogan  
Acting Deputy Principal: Ethan Byrne  
Acting Assistant Principal: Karen Lynch

School closes at 12 p.m. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and reopens on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh go léir.

